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NEWS RELEASE

Evigeny Tarasenko and Ellena Ossiptchouk were charged today by Indictment¹ on charges that they conspired to transport checks and securities taken by fraud in interstate commerce, transported a stolen vehicle, used another person's identity to defraud, and wire fraud, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy. The indictment alleges that the defendant were involved in a scheme to lease high-end vehicles using false identities. The vehicles were then sold through Ebay and other internet sale sites, which induced innocent buyers to travel from as far away as Nebraska, to Philadelphia, to pay for the vehicles and take them home. The defendants represented that they were the outright owners of the vehicles and that they had the titles to the vehicles. The buyers were told that once their checks cleared the bank, the defendants would send the titles to them. The titles were never sent because the defendants were not the rightful owners of the vehicles. The indictment alleges a fraud loss of at least \$76,000 to the victims.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Evigeny Tarasenko	Philadelphia	28 years old
Ellena Ossiptchouk	Philadelphia	31 years old

If convicted the defendant Tarasenko faces a maximum possible sentence of 105 years imprisonment, a three year period of supervised release, a \$2,000,000 fine, and an \$800 special assessment. Defendant Ossiptchouk faces a maximum possible sentence of 110 years imprisonment, a three year period of supervised release, a \$2,000,000 fine, and an \$800 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Velez.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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